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CALIFORNIA LEGISLATURE—2001–02 REGULAR SESSION

ASSEMBLY BILL

No. 1242

Introduced by Assembly Members Wiggins and Florez

(Principal coauthor: Senator Costa)

**(Coauthors: Assembly Members Hollingsworth, Rod Pacheco,
and Zettel)**

(Coauthors: Senators Alpert, Battin, Bowen, Chesbro, Haynes,
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February 23, 2001

An act relating to the glassy-winged sharpshooter, making an appropriation therefor, and declaring the urgency thereof, to take effect immediately.

LEGISLATIVE COUNSEL'S DIGEST

AB 1242, as amended, Wiggins. Pest control: glassy-winged sharpshooter.

Existing law generally creates programs in the Department of Food and Agriculture for eradication of Pierce's disease and its vector, the glassy-winged sharpshooter.

This bill would state various findings and declarations relating to the glassy-winged sharpshooter and Pierce's disease and their effect on the wine and grape industry.

This bill would appropriate \$7,140,000 in federal funds made available to the department to the Department of Food and Agriculture Fund, to be distributed via grants, as specified, *and to cover administrative expenses directly related to the program, as specified.*

The bill would declare that it is to take effect immediately as an urgency statute.

Vote: ²/₃. Appropriation: yes. Fiscal committee: yes. State-mandated local program: no.

The people of the State of California do enact as follows:

1 SECTION 1. The Legislature finds and declares the
2 following:

3 (a) California is the leading producer of wine in the United
4 States, accounting for 91 percent of the total United States wine
5 production and 72 percent of total wine sales.

6 (b) The glassy-winged sharpshooter is a potent vector for
7 Pierce's disease that has the potential to harm California's
8 multibillion dollar wine industry by transmitting the bacterium
9 Xylella Fastidiosa. This bacterium destroys wine grape plants by
10 shutting down the plant's ability to take up water and nutrients.

11 (c) To date, the glassy-winged sharpshooter and the resulting
12 Pierce's disease have destroyed millions of dollars of California's
13 most productive wine and table grape vines. This has resulted in
14 rural unemployment and severely threatens local rural economies.

15 SEC. 2. The sum of seven million one hundred forty thousand
16 dollars (\$7,140,000) in federal funds made available to the
17 Department of Food and Agriculture pursuant to Public Law
18 106-224, and pursuant to regulations and guidelines adopted
19 thereunder, to compensate grape growers for vine losses resulting
20 from Pierce's disease spread by the glassy-winged sharpshooter,
21 are hereby appropriated to the Department of Food and
22 Agriculture Fund for distribution via individual grants ~~and to~~
23 ~~cover reasonable administrative costs~~ in accordance with criteria

1 established by the department, consistent with federal guidelines.
2 *The department may retain not more than 5 percent of the federal*
3 *allocation to cover administrative expenses directly related to the*
4 *program, including department overhead and third-party*
5 *verifications.*

6 Funds appropriated pursuant to this section shall be available for
7 expenditure by the department until ~~September 30, 2003~~
8 *December 31, 2002.*

9 SEC. 3. This act is an urgency statute necessary for the
10 immediate preservation of the public peace, health, or safety
11 within the meaning of Article IV of the Constitution and shall go
12 into immediate effect. The facts constituting the necessity are:

13 In order to restore rural economic stability to grape production
14 areas of California at the earliest possible time, it is necessary for
15 this act to take effect immediately as an urgency statute.

